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## **Energie-Cités' Annual Rendezvous European towns and cities are taking action for a sustainable energy future**

Energie-Cités is to hold its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous as well as its Annual General Meeting in Cork, Ireland on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2008. This year's theme is ***Towards Europe's sustainable energy future ... Local authorities are ready to act!***

This annual Rendezvous is co-organised with Cork County Council.

Following the decisions of the European Union Council and the energy and climate package presented by the European Commission on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, by 2020 the European Union should:

- reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 20%
- increase its energy efficiency by 20%
- achieve 20% of renewables in overall EU consumption, including 10% of total vehicle fuel consumption covered by biofuels.

These objectives stand a chance of being achieved if local authorities commit themselves to taking practical measures to redirect their local development policies. Examples of practical actions and political commitments needed to achieve such objectives will be presented to the Cork participants.

Said Rendezvous will be composed of three parts:

- a strategic debate on the European energy policy,
- experiences from European towns and cities preparing their energy future,
- a presentation of the "Covenant of Mayors" initiative launched on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 by the Energy Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, and the key factors for making these commitments a reality.

### **Links:**

Energie-Cités' Annual Rendezvous

<http://www.energie-cites.eu/-2008-Cork-IE->

Covenant of Mayors

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate\\_actions/mayors/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/mayors/index_en.htm)

European Commission's legislative package

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate\\_actions/doc/2008\\_res\\_directive\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/doc/2008_res_directive_en.pdf)

Cork County Council

<http://www.corkcoco.ie>

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